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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Rini Ghosh
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20402-0001

**Re: Finance Docket No. 34284 -- Southwest Gulf Railroad Company --
Petition for Exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 10901 to Construct and
Operate a Rail Line In Medina County, Texas**

Dear Ms. Ghosh:

Enclosed please find the non-confidential figures and photographs that accompany the Biological Assessment forwarded to you previously. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

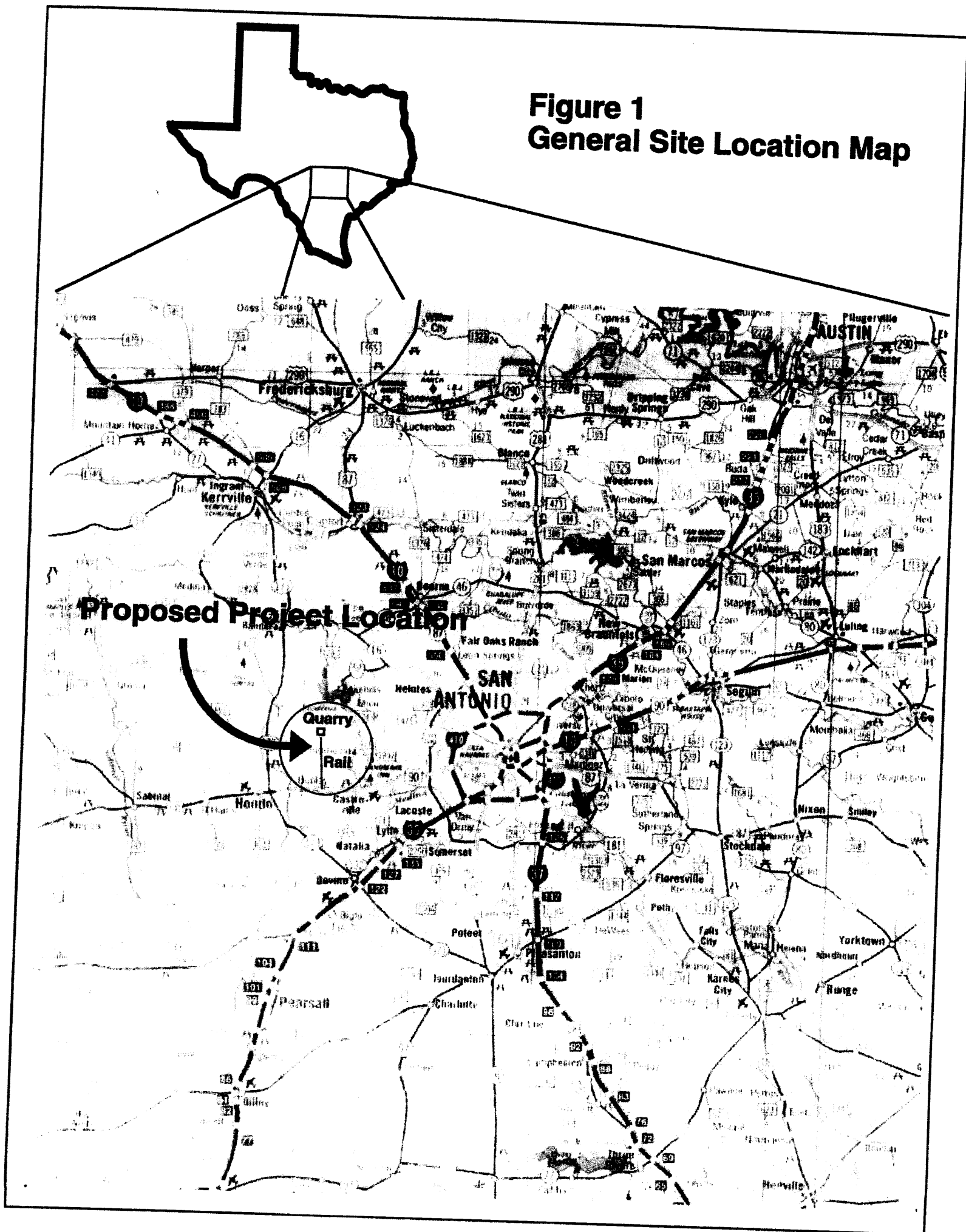


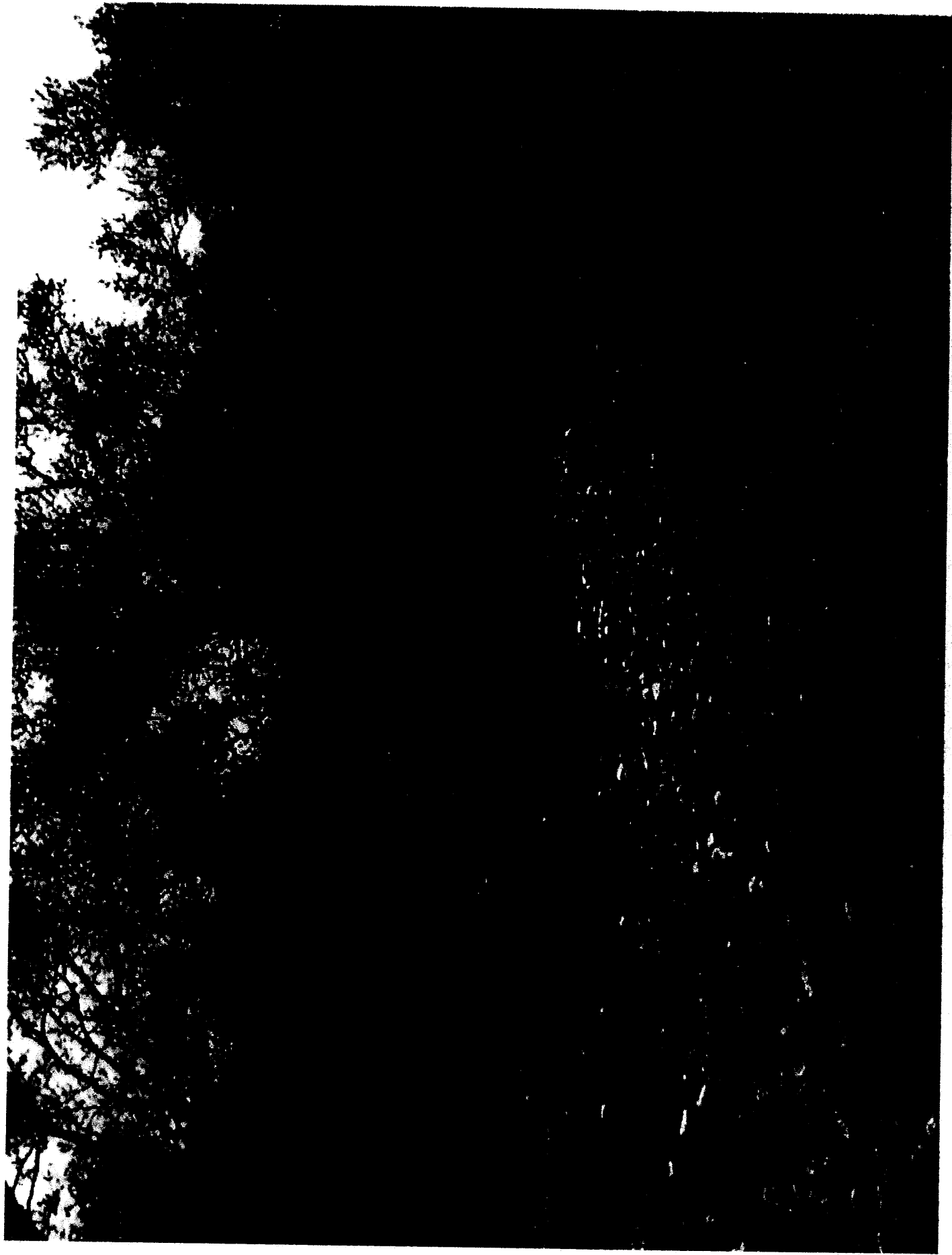
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Enclosure

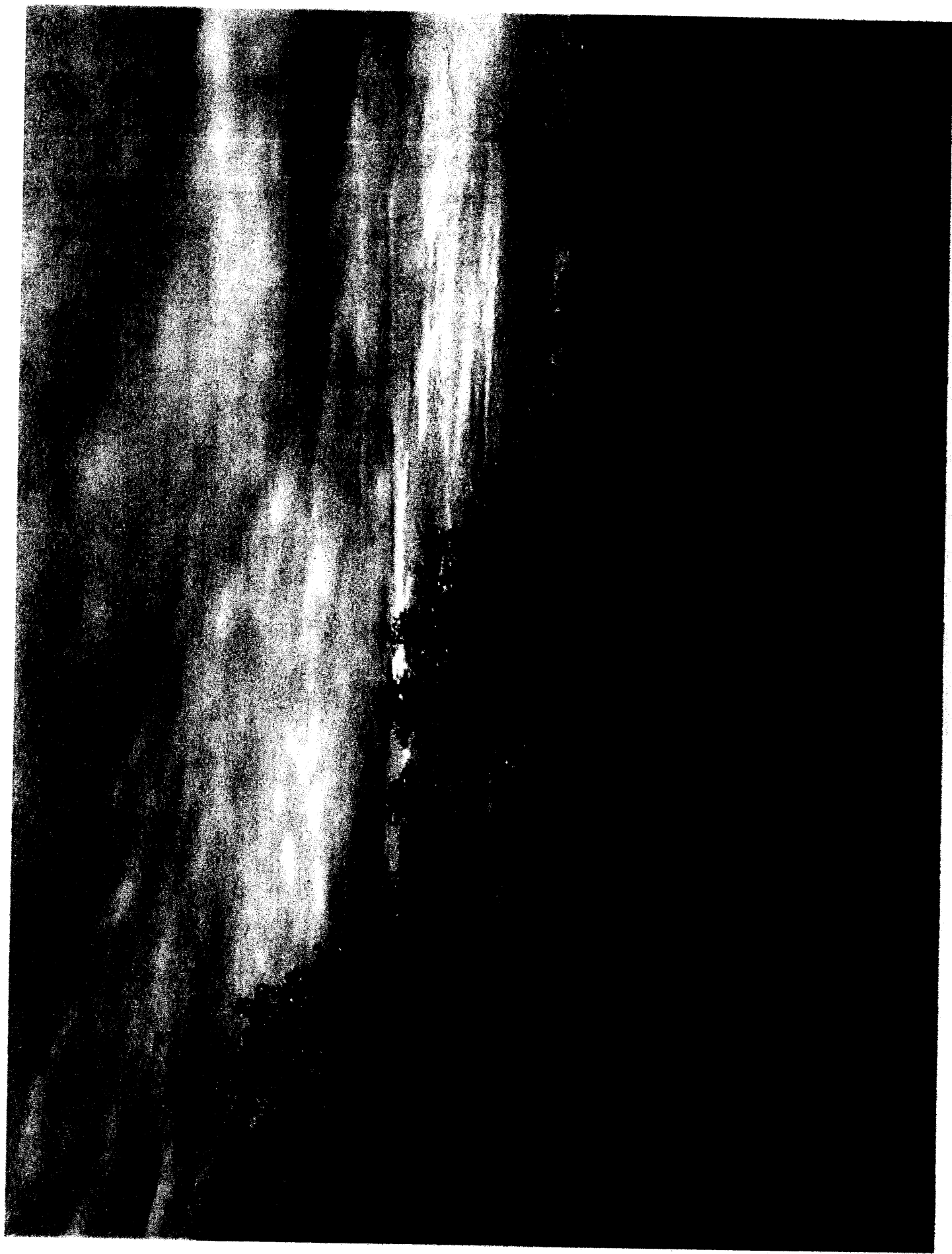
cc: Jaya Zyman-Ponebshek

Figure 1
General Site Location Map





Photograph 1: Drainage and adjacent vegetation



Photograph 2: Typical habitat resulting from extensive livestock and wildlife grazing.



April 2001
Vulcan Environmental Team
Meeting with U.S.F.&W. on MCP Site
(Ray Brown & Mary Orms)